

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 17, 1995. The main farming activities for the week included: harvesting row crops, peanuts, sweetpotatoes and hay. Cotton harvesting has begun with farmers reporting below average yields. The later maturing varieties of soybeans have been hurt by the dry weather. Fall seeding has begun, but showers are needed to soften the ground for disking. Cattlemen are feeding hay due to dry conditions. Soil moisture conditions were rated 50 percent very short, 38 percent short and 12 percent adequate.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Mature	100	95	98	94	1	5	18	59	17
	Harvested	73	68	58	50					
	Silage Harvested	98	96	93	90					
Cotton	Open Bolls	94	83	88	79	13	19	40	26	2
	Harvested	13	3	5	6					
Rice	Mature	94	91	92	73	0	12	31	53	4
	Harvested	76	61	48	32					
Sorghum	Turning Color	97	90	100	96	0	9	39	46	6
	Mature	89	79	96	84					
	Harvested	66	51	70	54					
	Silage Harvested	78	71	82	84					
Soybeans	Turning Color	73	58	71	46	8	16	34	36	6
	Shedding Leaves	46	35	41	21					
	Harvested	25	14	10	3					
Wheat	Planted	0	---	3	5	---	---	---	---	---
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	98	96	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	35	23	55	44	0	2	24	72	2
Peanuts	Harvested	22	10	25	40	0	0	35	56	9
Pecans						10	28	35	27	0
Cattle						1	8	33	48	10
Pasture						21	23	39	16	1

County Agent Comments

"Rice harvest is almost complete. Cotton harvest is underway. Yields will be below average."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Corn harvest is almost complete with yields over 100 bushels per acre on a majority of the fields. Soil moisture is too low for fall pasture planting. Cotton harvesting has not started. Farmers continue to destroy the worm-damaged fields of cotton. Livestock producers are in a "dilemma" on when to sell calves at a loss."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Dry! Dry! Dry! Some cattle are being fed supplemental hay due to poor pasture conditions. Too dry to prepare for winter grazing. Corn harvest is almost complete. Cotton harvest has begun. Soybeans are suffering."

— Chuck Grantham, Copiah County

"Hay harvest is short due to excessive dry conditions. Ryegrass planting has been delayed due to drought conditions. Cattle are being hayed in some areas of the county. Average weaning weights are down on calf crops due to summer long drought."

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper County

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Weather Summary From September 11, 1995 to September 17, 1995 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	95	61	76	75	+1	0.05	-0.63	1	0.33	96	73	83	0.18
Cleveland	97	52	78			0.04		2	0.22				
Tunica	92	57	76	74	+2	0.11	-0.76	2	0.49	89	74	81	
Extreme/Average	97	52	77	75	+2	0.07	-0.71	2	0.35	96	73	82	0.18
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	90	58	76	72	+2	0.89	+0.05	3	1.30	91	70	79	0.16
Memphis	94	63	79	75	+4	0.06	-0.97	1	0.32				
Oxford	93	57	77	73	+4	0.63	-0.48	1	0.87				
Extreme/Average	94	57	77	74	+3	0.56	-0.47	2	0.83	91	70	79	0.16
3. Northeast													
Booneville	91	61	77	73	+4	2.36	+1.30	3	2.66				
Corinth													
Iuka	89	58	74			1.29		2	1.92				
Pontotoc	94	60	78	73	+5	0.63	-0.51	1	1.28	97	74	84	0.22
Tupelo	93	61	78	74	+4	0.27	-0.74	2	0.80				
Verona	93	61	77			0.95		3	1.81	87	72	80	0.14
Extreme/Average	94	58	77	74	+3	1.10	+0.03	2	1.69	97	72	82	0.18
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	97	59	79	76	+4	0.00	-0.85	0	0.12	99	82	89	
Greenwood	98	60	81	76	+5	0.01	-0.81	1	0.36				
Rolling Fork	96	58	78			0.01	-0.60	1	0.19	95	82	89	0.20
Stoneville	95	60	79	75	+4	0.57	-0.25	2	1.76	93	72	83	0.16
Yazoo City	96	58	78	77	+1	0.00	-0.69	0	0.38				
Extreme/Average	98	58	79	76	+3	0.12	-0.64	1	0.56	99	72	87	0.18
5. Central													
Carthage	95	54	77	76	+2	0.30	-0.83	1	0.34				
Jackson	95	56	80	77	+3	0.06	-0.83	1	0.38				
Winona	95	56	77	73	+3	0.14	-0.99	1	0.14				
Extreme/Average	95	54	78	75	+3	0.17	-0.88	1	0.29				
6. East-Central													
Brookeville	95	65	82			0.88	-0.11	2	1.25				
Columbus	93	61	79			0.27		1	0.31				
State University	93	59	77	75	+2	0.62	-0.44	2	0.62	88	75	81	
Extreme/Average	95	59	79	75	+4	0.59	-0.44	2	0.73	88	75	81	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	95	59	78			0.00		0	0.13	89	89	89	
Natchez	92	59	79	78	+1	0.00	-1.29	0	3.67				
Oakley	96	54	78			0.50	-0.26	1	0.50	93	76	83	
Vicksburg													
Extreme/Average	96	54	78	78	+1	0.17	-0.86	0	1.43	93	76	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	96	59	81	78	+4	1.36	+0.18	2	1.52				
McComb	98	57	82	77	+5	1.31	+0.07	2	2.48				
Extreme/Average	98	57	82	77	+4	1.34	+0.13	2	2.00				
9. Southeast													
Baumont	97	61	82			0.37		4	0.53	102	77	88	
Hattiesburg	94	63	81	77	+3	1.35	+0.22	2	3.11				
Laurel													
Meridian	96	58	80	76	+4	0.45	-0.34	3	0.69				
Newton	96	56	79	76	+4	0.10	-0.82	1	0.76	95	73	86	0.17
Extreme/Average	97	56	80	76	+4	0.57	-0.38	3	1.27	102	73	87	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	92	64	80			0.49		1	1.59				
Biloxi	92	71	84	79	+5	0.90	-0.23	2	2.96				
Gulfport	93	66	82	79	+3	0.47	-1.29	2	1.21				
Pascagoula	90	66	79	80	-0	0.34	-0.77	1	1.35				
Poplarville	96	60	81	78	+3	0.15	-1.18	1	2.81	98	78	88	0.23
Extreme/Average	96	60	81	79	+2	0.47	-0.86	1	1.98	98	78	88	0.23
State	98	62	79	76	+3	0.52	-0.50	2	1.11	102	70	84	0.18

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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